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CIA DIRECTOR GIVES SECRET BRIEFING TO SENATE GROUP

SAM DONALDSON: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee heard a secret briefing today from the director of the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, Admiral William RABORN; the subject, the Dominican Republic and Communist infiltration of the Rebel movement.

Many members later told newsmen they were still divided on the extent of Communist influence. Missouri Democrat Stuart Symington said Raborn gave additional irrefutable evidence that the Rebel movement was being taken over by trained Communists from Cuba, the Soviet Union and China, but Chairman J. William Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, said it is still too early to form any conclusive opinion.

South Dakota Republican Karl Mundt said Raborn agreed with earlier witnesses that the Communists would have taken the rebellion over, and U. S. action prevented it, but Oregon Democrat Wayne Morse said the major impression he gathered from the hearings to date was that the United States can be counted on to continue to support military juntas in Latin America.

After the hearing, Raborn slipped out through an adjacent office, possibly to avoid saying anything to newsmen, for when one newsman caught up to him, he said, "I have nothing to say."